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Group seeks national support for U.S. intelligence agencies

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The National Committee for Responsible Patriotism, an eight-year-old organization with about 150 members on its rolls, has launched a campaign to muster support for the nation's intelligence activities.

Charles W. Wiley, the committee's executive director, said "Operation Defense" would

try to enlist national support.

"The recent heavy criticisms of the intelligence operations of this country are threatening their effectiveness and since they're our first line of defense, it would be national suicide for the American people not to come to their support," Mr. Wiley told reporters.